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SUBJECT: US-USSR ARMS CONTROL WORKING GROUP ON RADIO-
LOGICAL AND NEW WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION

REFS: (A) STATE 22759; (B) GENEVA 1590; (C) GENEVA 607

1. INTENT OF GUIDANCE PROVIDED PARA 2, REF A, RELATED TO
PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS MADE AT BEGINNING OF RW/MDW WORKING
GROUP ROUND, WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN SUBJECT OF FORMAL
BILATERAL COORDINATION,RATHER-THAN TOCOMMUNIQUE LANGUAGE.
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AS NOTED IN REF A, WASHINGTON IS COGNIZANT OF FACT
COMMUNIQUE LANGUAGE HAS BEEN COORDINATED. THUS, IT APPEARS
REASONABLE TO CONCLUDE THAT AMB. LIKHATCHEV WAS MAKING
REFERENCE IN CONVERSATION WITH AMB. FISHER (REF C) TO
SOVIET PRESS PRACTICE IN DESCRIBING RW/MDW WORKING GROUP
OTHER REPEAT OTHER THAN IN RELEASE OF COMMUNIQUES.

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2. REFERENCES TO SUBJECT MATTER OF WORKING GROUP AS "MASS DESTRUCTION WEAPONS INCLUDING RADIOLOGICAL WEAPONS" WOULD CLEARLY CONSTITUTE FACTUAL INACCURACY. DEEPER CONCERN WE HAVE IS THAT SUCH UNCHALLENGED USAGE COULD BE USED AS BASIS FOR 1) ITS INCORPORATION IN ROUND-ENDING COMMUNIQUE OR 2) CONTENTION THAT WORKING GROUP COULD APPROPRIATELY ADDRESS ER/RB WEAPONS OR OTHER QUOTE NON-NEW END QUOTE MDW.

DEL SHOULD, ACCORDINGLY, IMPLEMENT INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED REF A, PARA 2, PRIOR TO RELEASE OF PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF WORKING GROUP ROUND. IF SOVIET SIDE UNABLE TO AGREE TO US REQUEST, DEL SHOULD INFORM WASHINGTON BY IMMEDIATE CABLE AND RELEASE FOLLOWING PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT, WHICH WILL ALSO BE RELEASED WASHINGTON: THE DELEGATION OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS RESUMED NEGOTIATIONS ON THE PROHIBITION OF RADIOLOGICAL WEAPONS AND NEW TYPES AND NEW SYSTEMS OF WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION IN GENEVA ON FEBRUARY 6, 1978. THE DELEGATIONS WILL, INTER ALIA, CONTINUE TO CONSIDER A POSSIBLE CONVENTION ON THE PROHIBITION OF RADIOLOGICAL WEAPONS. THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE USSR TO THE CONFERENCE OF THE COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT, AMBASSADOR ADRIAN S. FISHER AND AMBASSADOR V.I. LIKHATCHEV, ARE HEADING THE RESPECTIVE DELEGATIONS. VANCE

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